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In re Application of:

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Serial No: 09/582,700

Examiner: M. Bumgarner

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For: AN IRRIGATING MEDIUM FOR ROOT CANALS

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria , VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated Jahlary 22, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired April 22, 2004. Accordingly, a Petition for One Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith extending the period for reply to May 22, 2004, a Saturday with the next business day being Monday, May 24, 2004. Thus, the response should be considered timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION